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1. IN BILATERAL WITH USSR DEL TODAY, USSR REP
PIRADOV EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT TONE AND STRENGTH OF
STATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON DBS AT END OF LAST WEEK.
HE SAID HE BELIEVED THIS CONSTITUTED DEPARTURE FROM
NOW TRADITIONAL US-USSR PATTERN OF STATING AND EXPLAINING
DIFFERENCES ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS, WHERE THEY EXIST, IN
RESTRAINED AND NON-POLEMICAL MANNER. WE OBSERVED WIDE DIF-
FERENCES SEPARATING USG AND USSR PERCEPTIONS AND
POSITIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF DBS QUESTIONS ARE A
CONTINUING PHENOMENON BUT THAT, CERTAINLY, USDEL DID NOT
WISH TO STIMULATE ABUSIVE EXCHANGE TYPICAL OF MUCH
EARLIER PERIOD IN UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND
SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

2. AMB PIRADOV AGAIN URGED US AGREEMENT TO SOVIET
PROPOSAL THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEET ANNUALLY IN
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GENEVA IN VIEW OF DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF OUTER

SPACE COMMITTEE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE AND NUMBER OF OSC WORKING GROUPS IN NEW YORK. SOVS REITERATED (SEE GENEVA 2863) IMPORTANCE USSR ATTACHES TO THIS MATTER. WE SAID WE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMENT FROM WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER SOVIET DEMARCHE AND HAD NOT EXPECTED ONE IN ADVANCE OF COST ESTIMATE DATA WHICH UN SECRETARIAT HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPLY. SOVS SAID THIS INFORMATION BEING DELAYED BUT EXPECTED MOMENTARILY. WE SAID WE DID NOT FORESEE AGREEMENT TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL IN ABSENCE OF COST FIGURES SHOWING NO CONSEQUENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO UN BUDGET; WE WOULD NOT WANT TO URGE ACTION PRIOR TO RECEIVING COST STATEMENT AND COULD NOT ACCEPT SOVIET ADVISER'S SUGGESTION THAT WE "TAKE SECRETARIAT'S WORD FOR IT" THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL INCREMENT WOULD RESULT. WE SUGGESTED THAT, IF SECRETARIAT PAPER WERE NOT READY BY END OF CURRENT SESSION, MATTER COULD BE CONSIDERED IN TIME FOR OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 1 THROUGH 12.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, PIRADOV SAID USSR WANTS FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FOR 1975 SESSION OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE: (A) MOON TREATY TO HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY; (B) DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE, NEXT ("BUT VERY HIGH") PRIORITY; (C) "SOME TIME" TO BE SPENT ON SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING; AND FINALLY, (D) REMAINING BUSINESS (E.G., TRADITIONALLY NOT-DISCUSSED ITEM ON AIR SPACE/OUTER SPACE DELIMITATION). SPEAKING AD REFERENDUM, WE SAID WE COULD AGREE ALTHOUGH WE WOULD GUESS THAT GROUP OF 77 MIGHT MOVE TO SHELVE MOON TREATY AND HAVE HIGHEST, AND EQUIVALENT, PRIORITIES ACCORDED DBS AND ERS. WE SUGGESTED BEST LIKELY OUTCOME WOULD BE EQUIVALENT PRIORITIES FOR MOON TREATY, DBS AND ERS, WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT DETERMINE DETAILS OF ALLOCATION OF TIME AS AMONGST THESE ITEMS IN FOUR-WEEK SESSION.

4. FOLLOWING ABOVE SESSION SOV ADVISER MAIORSKY REITERATED TO DELOFF THAT SOVS WOULD ADAMANTLY OPPOSE RECONVENING OF EITHER DBS OR REMOTE SENSING INTER-DISCIPLINARY WORKING GROUPS. HE SAID ALL WORK SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE DONE IN LEGAL OR SCIENTIFIC SUBCOMMITTEES OR SUB-DIVISIONS THEREOF. SOVS ARE WILLING TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE EARLY IN THE SPRING TO DEAL WITH EITHER DBS OR REMOTE SENSING. WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED THIS IDEA, ALTHOUGH SOVS CLEARLY ARE PREPARED TO GIVE WAY TO PRESSURE FROM OTHERS FOR EXTRA TIME NEXT SPRING IN SOME FORUM OTHER THAN "WORKING GROUPS". MAIORSKY'S FINAL SUGGESTION WAS TO EXTEND

LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION ONE WEEK NEXT SPRING. DELOFF
SAID WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO AGREE WITH SUCH A
COMMITMENT (COMMENT: AND DO NOT SEEK SAME).DALE

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